(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 96 per cent of the work would be completed by June, 2006; and

(d) whether 6.05 km. of Golden Quadrilateral roads are being laid every day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) About 92 per cent of work on Golden Quadrilateral is targeted for completion by December, 2005.

(b) Details are as under:—

Sl. No.	Corridor (NH)	Total Length (km.)	To be completed by December, 2005 (km.)
1	Delhi-Mumbai (NH-8, 76 & 79)	1419	1419 (100%)
2	Mumbai-Chennai (NH-4, 7 & 46)	1290	1222 (94.7%)
3	Kolkata-Chennai (NH-5, 6 & 60)	1684	1548 (91.72%)
4	Delhi-Kolkata (NH-2)	1453	1159 (79.76%)
	TOTAL:	5846	5348 (91.48%)

(c) 96% work is targeted for completion by June, 2006.

(d) Average length of road being laid on Golden Quadrilateral since June, 2004 is approximately 4.20 km. per day.

Promotion of SSIs in Assam

2561. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any scheme in the State of Assam for development and expansion and promotion of Small Scale Industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the above schemes?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The development and promotion of small scale industries is primarily the responsibility of the respective State/Union Territory (UT) Governments/Administrations. The Central Government, however, supports and supplements the efforts of the State Governments/UT Administrations through various schemes/programmes relating to credit, infrastructural development, technology upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial development, etc. These are implemented across the country, including the State of Assam.

(b) and (c) The schemes/programmes being implemented throughout the country, including Assam, for the development and promotion of small scale industries are listed in the enclosed statement (*see* below). Besides these schemes, the Central Government has set up the following Institutions in the State of Assam to undertake activities mentioned against each:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Institution	Location	Activities
1.	Small Industries Service Institute (SISI)	Guwahati	The SISIs/Branch SISI provide entrepreneurship/managerial/skill.
2.	Branch Small Industries Service Institute	Silchar	Development training, consultancy, project profiles, extension services and common facilities to the small scale.
3.	Branch Small Industries Service Institute	Tezpur	Entrepreneurs.
4.	Branch Small Industries Service Institute	Diphu	
5.	Tool Room & Training Centre	Guwahati	This Institute provides facilities for design and manufacture of tools, dies, jigs and fixtures and imparts training in tool and die making with the use of computer aided software in the North Eastern Region, including Assam.
6.	Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship	Guwahati	This Institute provides entrepreneurship development training, trainer's training and consultancy services for promotion of small scale industries in the North Eastern Region, including Assam.

Statement

Major Schemes and programmes implemented for Promotion and Development of Small Scale Industries in the Country, including Assam

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme/ Programme	Objectives	Details of implementation in Assam
1.	Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme	Assistance is provided to State Government/Implementing Agencies for setting up/upgradation of industrial estates for SSI units, upto 40% of the cost or Rs. 2 crore whichever is less. For the North Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal, this assistance is upto 80% of the cost or Rs. 4 crore, whichever is less.	Seven IID Centres in districts of Nagaon, Darrang, Cachar, Sibsagar, Kamrup, Jorhat and Nalbari in Assam. Central grant of Rs. 15.84 crores has been released to these IID Centres. These IID Centres are at various stages of implementation.
2.	Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme	This scheme provides guarantee cover upto 75% of credit (term-loan working capital loan upto Rs. 25 lakh) extended by banks and financial intuitions to new and existing SSI units. The scheme is administered by the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Small Industries (CGTSI) and the member lending institutions (banks, etc.) of CGTSI.	562 proposals have approved for guarantee cover for aggregate credit of Rs. 12.33 crore under the Scheme.
3.	Small Industry Cluster Development Programme (SICDP)	This programme aims at holistic development of industrial clusters, *i.e.*, agglomerations of SSI units producing the same or similar types of products within a given geographical area. The development needs of such clusters are indentified through a diagnostic study. Action plan is prepared for development of the cluster in respect of the felt needs in areas like technological upgradation, marketing and export promotion, skill development, creation of common facility centre, etc. The scheme is implemented through the field organisations of the Ministry of SSI, in collaboration with autonomous institutions engaged in promotion of small scale industries. Normally, the budget for promotional activities (excluding hard infrastructure) is	Brass and Bell Metal Industry Cluster at Hajo, Assam has been taken up for development under the programme at a project cost of Rs. 33.95 lakh. Government of India's assistance towards the project is Rs. 20.85 lakh. So far, Rs. 8.4 lakh has been released.

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme/ Programme	Objectives	Details of implementation in Assam
		between Rs. 30 to 50 lakh. Hard infrastructure like common facility centre is considered on the basis of assessed project cost.	
4.	ISO 9000/ISO 14001 Certification Reimburse-ment Scheme	Cost of obtaining ISO 9000 Certification by small scale industries is reimbursed to the extent of 75% or Rs. 75,000, whichever is lower. The objective of the scheme is to improve the marketability of the SSI products by enhancing their quality.	Eight small scale units have been reimbursed Rs. 4.91 lakh in the State of Assam.
5.	Sub-Contracting Exchanges for Ancillary Development	This scheme is to assist industry associations to strengthen their capacity for securing better marketing opportunities for the members SSI units. Under this scheme, one-time grant of Rs. 4.7 lakh is provided for procurement of capital equipment for setting up of sub-contracting exchanges by industry associations and non-governmental organisations. In addition, matching grant is also provided to meet the running expenses on a tapering basis not exceeding Rs. 1.25 lakh, Rs. 0.75 lakh and Rs. 2.5 lakh respectively during the first 3 years.	Two sub-contracting exchanges have been set up in Assam by industry associations with financial assistance under this scheme.
6.	Testing Centres by Industry Associations	Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided for setting up testing centres by industry associations and modernisation/expansion of quality marking centres of State Governments and their autonomous bodies as a promotional measure to encourage SSI industries in the country, including the State of Assam.	Government of Assam has been provided Central grant of Rs. 20 lakh for modernisation and expansion of the Testing Centre, Guwahati.
7.	Raw Material Assistance Scheme	Under this Plan Scheme, the National Small Industries Corporation provides term-loan/composite term-loan for marketing activities like purchase of raw material, etc. Under the scheme, raw material depots/godowns are provided in different parts of the country, including Assam.	Twelve SSI units have been provided financial assistance for procuring raw material and, till date, material worth Rs. 408 lakh have been supplied and financed.